Ozer-House committee errors: After we spoke this evening it occurred to me that perhaps the best thing now is to let them make all the mistakes they want to. If we correct their mistakes let us reserve that for in public, like if this Newhouse reporter wants to do stories. Actually it is probably the way we can be of most help. They way they are going it is going to be another tragedy. Ozer on King is a disaster. He not only does not know what he is talking about - he knows how to learn and won't even phone. There is no way of straightening such people out. I meant it when I told you a week ago when we left Sprague's office that I was giving them no more. I also meant it when I wrote Sprague bye-bye. Unless there is something about which I want to lean on him. Or make a record for the futurre. I have Downing's word from Bud on the approach and my part and it has not been kept. Instead they are making a mess. Your situation is different. You have to look out for Ray's rights. But I caution against giving them anything you can avoid giving them or they can get by other means. Like you have to have the hearing exhibits at hand 100% of the time and they can get them from the federal court. And have better copies more suitable for the record. I'm not even mentioning exhibits to them. If they don't know that much what do they know? Besides, they'll give it all to others, including Lane. I have yet to be persuaded that Ozer is not there for DJ. He surely acts as though he is. His instant antagonism to me does not make me wonder less, although I can attribute this to Lane. But what the hell good did it do to lend them the evidentiary hearing transcripts when Ozer testifies as he did and nobody else corrected him? I'm all for leaving them alone to the degree possible. If in the end they do well it will be great. If they do not we will not be tainted. Andx we have more than we can do with the time they'd take. Except when we have to fight. I'm not going to write and needle them over the Ozer goof on the ballistics. Let him make all he can. If they are going to straighten up this will be the most promising way of encouraging it, let them teach themselves lessons. If they are not then there is no point in any help.

Best, HW 11/24/76